

Center Director's Staff Meeting  
January 18, 2005

DD01/C. Chitwood: I am pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Melissa Ann McGrath to the Senior Executive Service (SES) position of Deputy Director, Space and Technology Directorate. As a member of the science staff of the Space Telescope Science Institute in Baltimore, MD since 1992, Dr. McGrath currently serves as Head, Community Missions Office at the Institute. She holds a PhD in Astronomy from the University of Virginia, a Master of Arts in Astronomy from the University of Virginia and a Bachelor of Arts in Physics and Astronomy from Mount Holyoke College.

Dave is at KSC for the leadership council and the SIMs. He will travel to the Michoud Assembly Facility (MAF) for an employee recognition function on Thursday. He will return to the Center sometime on Thursday afternoon. We have a nice opportunity to meet with the Expedition 9 Crew this afternoon at 12:30 p.m. in the Morris Auditorium. Major General Ted Mercer, Director of Plans and Programs for the Air Force Space Command will be at the Center tomorrow, January 19. Headquarters will be closed this Thursday for the President's Inauguration. The 2004 Tennessee Valley CFC Awards Ceremony will be held this Thursday at 10:00 a.m. in the Bob Jones auditorium.

RS50/Gloria Tidmore: My safety moment presentation is a brief background on flu, including how to prevent catching the flu if you are unable to obtain the flu shot. Charts used in this presentation are posted on Inside Marshall.

PS10/D. Brock: I will be presenting an overview of the Marshall Prime Contractor Supplier Council established in January 2003. Material addressed will include background, vision and purpose, participating primes, agenda topics and meetings summary, and significant accomplishments to date. Charts used in this presentation are posted on Inside Marshall.

CS01/R. Allen – The Expedition Crew Visit is today. All employees are encouraged to attend. Maria Hicks farewell coffee is scheduled for Thursday, January 20.

MP01/L. Roberts: The Space Flight Leadership Council is scheduled to begin today at KSC. The SIM starts at 12:00 CDT. We will meet today in room 406 of Bldg. 4202. Tomorrow we will be in the same place until the SIM kicks off at 11:00 a.m. CDT at the HOSC.

ED01/T. Vanhooser: I would like to introduce Alex Priskos. Alex joined the Engineering Directorate last Monday, January 10. He is already meeting with the departments and laboratories. He will be assisting us as we begin a restructure of the Engineering Directorate that will enable us to operate as a business. He will also be assisting us on deciding where strategically we want to be from an engineering perspective. We are excited to have Alex onboard.

ED01/C. Singer: Panel testing is continuing. They had a problem with the panel they put into the 300 vacuum chamber. One of the co-boxes had a bolt that shirred off and began leaking. They are going to refasten it and it and begin again today. The other panel is ready to go. Two additional panels arrived today for testing.

DA01/J. Bilbro: The Technology Council will be here in oral presentations on the 10 focus areas this afternoon. I want to commend everyone who had a group involved with preparing the proposals, which was an excellent piece of work.

